GOD'S SPIRIT AS GIVEN THRU MOTHERHOOD.

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Intro: When we think of the Faith in God which has been handed down to us we link it with Bible records, with prophets, priests and theologians.
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God"s Spirit has largely been given to the world thru motherhood. Our theme is "The Spirit of God in Motherhood" and the text, 2Tim.1:7 For the Spirit which God has given us is not a Spirit of cowardice, but one of Power and of Love and of Discipline".

I. Motherhood the Power of God.

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Wm. Ross Wallace:

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He wields a mighty sceptre
O'er lesser powers that be;
But a mightier power and stronger
Man from his throne has hurled,
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world."

2. Mother-power centers in Mother-love.

II. Motherhood as the Love of God.

1. W.P.Willis: "One lamp, thy mother's love, amid the stars shall lift its pure flame changeless, ahd before the throne of God burn thru eternity."

2. Why is a mother's love so like the Love of God?

It is constant and lasting.
Father and brother and sister may forsake, but a true mother never!

It is a self-sacrificing and unselfish love-giving all, asking nothing.

Read card.

"Few letters spell the wonder-word,
And yet I think I've never heard
Another that my heart has stirred
With meanings half so dear;
For 'Mother' means your love that knows
My lightest joys and deepest woes;
It means your faith that daily grows
More steadfast and sincere.

"It means the shelter of your arms
That clasp me safe from worldly harms,
It means your spirit sweet that charms
With thot and act and creed;
It means the things, both great and small,
That I with deepest joy recall;
It means just home, that Rome, where all
My winding heart-roads lead."

III. Motherhood the Discipline of God.

1. Beecher: "The mother's heart is the child's school-room."

2. Emerson: Men are what their mothers make them.

3. Old Play.

"The mother in her office holds the key
Of the soul; and she it is who stamps the coin
Of character, and makes the being who ~~who~~ would be a savage,
But for her gentle cares, a Christian man.
Then crown her Queen o' the World.

Conclusion.
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Being a man is an essentially greater thing than becoming a great poet, or painter, or

Women, as intelligent & capable as the men, will soon be achieving great fame as lawyers

doctors, scientists, as well as
surgeons & poets & philosophers.
But the real essential
glory of woman will be
always remain in her motherhood.

2. The nations are endeavoring
to unite themselves into
a League that will insure
world peace forever.
We talk of the need of "confederation"
& constitution" for the league,
etc. After all it is going
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